

Docket No.: 050395-0373

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of        | : | Customer Number: 20277    |
|                             | : |                           |
| Masatada NUMANO, et al.     | : | Confirmation Number: 7856 |
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| Application No.: 10/579,442 | : | Group Art Unit: 1793      |
|                             | : |                           |
| Filed: May 15, 2006         | : | Examiner: Kevin P. Kerns  |
|                             | : |                           |
| For: CASTING NOZZLE         | : |                           |

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2007, now due to expire March 12, 2008, be extended for one month(s) and set to expire on April 12, 2008.

Please charge the extension fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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